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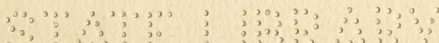
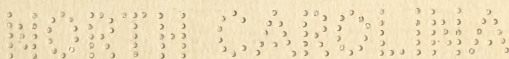
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## Preamble



*Whereas*, History shows that the remembrance of a nation's glory in the past stimulates a national greatness in the future, and that successive generations are awakened to truer patriotism and aroused to nobler endeavor by the contemplation of the heroic deeds of their forefathers; therefore the Society of the Colonial Dames of America has been formed, that the descendants of those men who in the Colonial period by their rectitude, courage, and self-denial prepared the way for success in that struggle which gained for the country its liberty and constitution, may associate themselves together to do honor to the virtues of their forefathers, and to encourage in all who come under their influence, true patriotism, built on a knowledge of the self-sacrifice and heroism of those men of the colonies who laid the foundation of this great nation.—*National Constitution.*

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## Article 2 of the Constitution of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America



### Objects

The objects of this Society shall be to collect and preserve manuscripts, traditions, relics, and mementos of by-gone days; to preserve and restore buildings connected with the early history of our country, to diffuse healthful and intelligent information concerning the past, to create a popular interest in our Colonial history, to stimulate a spirit of true patriotism and a genuine love of country, and to impress upon the young the sacred obligation of honoring the memory of those heroic Ancestors whose ability, valor, sufferings and achievements are beyond all praise.

# The North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America

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## Officers Elected May, 1911

### PRESIDENT:

MRS. JAMES SPRUNT,  
400 S. Front St., Wilmington, N. C.

### FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:

MRS. A. M. WADDELL,  
16 N. Fifth St., Wilmington, N. C.

### SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:

MRS. GILMER BRENIZER,  
Washington, D. C.

### THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT:

MRS. WALTER LIDDELL,  
Charlotte, N. C.

### RECORDING SECRETARY:

MRS. EDMOND L. PRINCE,  
415 Orange St., Wilmington, N. C.

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

MRS. W. N. HARRISS,  
Carolina Apartment, Wilmington, N. C.

### TREASURER:

MRS. E. P. BAILEY,  
313 Ann St., Wilmington, N. C.

### REGISTRAR:

MRS. WILLIAM LATIMER,  
126 S. Third St., Wilmington N. C.

### HISTORIAN:

MRS. ROBERT STRANGE,  
The See House, Wilmington, N. C.

### ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

MISS CARRIE MOORE,  
Fifteenth and Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

## Board of Managers



TERMS EXPIRE 1912:

MRS. WILLIAM CALDER,  
MRS. CLAYTON GILES,  
MRS. M. F. H. GOUVENEUR,  
MRS. WILLIAM N. HARRISS,  
MISS CARRIE MOORE.

TERMS EXPIRE 1913:

MRS. E. P. BAILEY,  
MRS. GEORGE WILSON KIDDER,  
MRS. ALLAN NICHOLS,  
MRS. EDMOND LaFAYETTE PRINCE,  
MRS. GEORGE GILLETTE THOMAS,.

TERMS EXPIRE 1914:

MRS. J. HAL BOATWRIGHT,  
MISS CAROLINE MEARES,  
MRS. WILLIAM LATIMER,  
MRS. HORACE CADE PRINCE,  
MRS. ROBERT STRANGE.



## Life-Time Officers



FOUNDER AND HONORARY PRESIDENT:

MRS. GEORGE WILSON KIDDER,

103 S. Third St., Wilmington, N. C.

HONORARY PRESIDENT:

MRS. GASTON MEARES,

Wilmington, N. C.

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS:

MRS. VIRGINIA GWATHMEY EMPIE,

MRS. JOHN WILDER ATKINSON,

Wilmington, N. C.

## Minutes



The seventeenth annual meeting of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America was held Wednesday, May 3rd, 1911, at Colonial Orton, Orton Plantation, the elegant country home of Mrs. James Sprunt, President.

Mrs. Sprunt in the chair called the meeting to order. Standing, all joined the President in the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary read Article II of the Constitution of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America. The Secretary called the roll; present thirty-one resident members with Mrs. Walter Liddell, Charlotte, N. C., Miss Mary Arrington, Goldsboro, N. C., Mrs. DeVane, Fayetteville, N. C., Mrs. Harden Hairston, Winston, N. C., Miss Hicks, Fayetteville, N. C., Mrs. R. B. Miller, Goldsboro, N. C., Mrs. T. C. Robertson, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Frank Spruill, Rocky Mount, N. C.,

Mrs. Charles Summers, Winston, N. C., and Mrs. Bolling Whitfield, Brunswick, Ga., out-of-town members. These were cordially welcomed.

Miss Virginia Fairfax, of Washington, D. C., Dame of the Society of the District of Columbia, was the guest of the Society on this occasion and was warmly greeted.

The Secretary read the minutes of the sixteenth annual meeting. They stood approved as read.

The President's address called forth enthusiastic applause. In it she set forth and enlarged upon the objects of the organization known as the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, giving numerous incidents of the carrying out of the same by the North Carolina Society since its beginning. Most interestingly did she recall much of the Colonial History of the old North State. Throughout she held her listeners wrapt attention.

The motion to have this able paper published by the State papers in order that all interested might fully realize and come to know that this organization, National and State, is



a live and working body, was unanimously agreed to.

The Corresponding Secretary in her annual report gave a review of the work of that office for the year. The duties of the officer had not been light. The delightful combining of the many interesting items from the various State annual letters received by her gave an insight into the line of work undertaken and that accomplished by the sister Societies. Instructive and charming was this report. Many compliments were paid Mrs. Harriss.

The annual report of the Treasurer, attested to the fact that the funds had been most accurately handled. The total assets of the Society as reported, \$624.53, was most encouraging and Mrs. Bailey was extended a vote of appreciation.

The growth in membership and interest and the work accomplished by the Society during the past twelve months was exhibited by the fine reports of the Registrar and Historian. The appreciation of the body was extended these officers for their labors in behalf of their Society.

The report of the Assistant Secretary proved the wisdom of creating that office which was done at the annual meeting of the previous year. The faithful discharge of the duties of her office was most helpful, especially to the President and Recording Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Claims as read by the Chairman, Miss Mary Kingsbury, gave a history regarding the Society's growth in membership, there having been eighteen pedigree papers examined and signed by said Committee and handed over to the Board for action, during the past year.

The report of the Treasurer of the George Washington Memorial Fund, showed most zealous effort on her part to interest the members in this most laudable undertaking and to raise an amount by individual subscriptions which, added to the amount to be contributed from the Society's treasury, will make the North Carolina Society's contribution five hundred dollars, this being the amount generally subscribed by the other State Societies. The Treasurer reported the amount of cash on hand \$52.00.

Miss Mary Arrington, Chairman, read an excellent report from the Wayne County Committee, and Mrs. Walter Liddell, in her report as Chairman of the Mecklenburg County Committee, showed the great interest and ardent and loyal spirit of the members composing that body. The work of the North Carolina Society for the year 1911-1912, enterprized by the Mecklenburg County Committee is fully set forth in the paper headed "The Petition," and found in the Appendix of the printed Minutes 1911.

(Mrs. Allan Nichols read a most complete report from the County Committee of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Gilmer Brenizer, Chairman.

The Secretary, through Mrs. Strange, offered the following resolutions for reading, they being the most important adopted by the Society during the year.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DURING  
YEAR 1910-1911.

*Adopted at June meeting, 1910:*

That no member of the Board of Managers shall have the privilege of nominating a candidate for membership nor endorsing a candidate for member-



ship in the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America. That this shall be the exclusive right of the members of the Society not on the Board of Managers.

Adopted at called meeting June 7th, 1910.

That the amount offered for the first prize essay competed for by the students of the North Carolina University shall be One Hundred Dollars, and for the second prize essay Fifty Dollars.

Adopted at Meeting March, 1911.

That the sum of One Hundred Dollars from the Treasury be appropriated by the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America towards the expense of a bronze tablet and the placing thereof in the State Capitol at Raleigh, May twentieth, nineteen hundred and twelve, commemorative of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, May twentieth, seventeen hundred and seventy-five.

This is to be the work of the State Society enteredprized and executed by the Mecklenburg County Committee, assisted by a Committee-at-large consisting of the President and members of the State Society other than those of the Mecklenburg County Committee.

Under unfinished business the election of officers of the Society and five new members of the Board was taken up.

Mrs. A. M. Waddell explained the primary election and called the ticket as per the primary election. The votes cast resulted in the election of the following officers and five members of the Board whose terms expire 1914.

Mrs. James Sprunt, Wilmington, N. C.,  
President.

Mrs. A. M. Waddell, Wilmington, N. C.,  
First Vice-President.

Mrs. Gilmer Brenizer, Washington, D. C.,  
Second Vice-President.

Mrs. Walter Liddell, Charlotte, N. C., Third  
Vice-President.

Board of Managers—Five members whose  
terms expire 1914—Mrs. J. Hal Boatwright,  
Mrs. William Latimer, Miss Caroline Meares,  
Mrs. Horace Cade Prince, Mrs. Robert  
Strange.

The President called for new business, there  
being none, the meeting was adjourned upon  
motion.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE E. PRINCE,  
*Recording Secretary.*

## The Board Meeting



The seventeenth annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America was held immediately upon the adjournment of the Society meeting at Orton, May 3rd, 1911.

By special invitation the visiting dames were present.

The President in the chair called the meeting to order.

The motion to dispense with the roll call, reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and all reports of the officers was agreed to.

The motion to submit the following resolution to the Society for action at the June meeting was adopted.

*Resolved*, That no member of the Board of Managers may serve two consecutive terms.

Proposed by Mrs. W. N. Harriss. Seconded by Mrs. A. M. Waddell.



Mrs. E. L. Prince offered the following motion, which prevailed.

That all nomination slips shall be sent in the year they are signed else the privilege of proposing or vouching for a member will be considered as having been used and a new slip must be made out and signed if the name of the person proposed for membership is sent in the next year. By-law I, Article IV.

Mrs. Bailey made the following motion which was agreed to—That all annual dues must be paid before April 1st of the new year.

The next business of the Board, the election of the officers, was taken up and resulted as follows:

Mrs. Edmond L. Prince, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. W. N. Harriss, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Wm. Latimer, Registrar.

Mrs. E. P. Bailey, Treasurer.

Mrs. Robert Strange, Historian.

Miss Carrie Moore, Assistant Secretary.

The Registrar presented the names of Mrs. W. I. Hines, Kinston, N. C.; Mrs. W. L. Burroughs, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. Henry McAden, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. Samuel R. Fowle, Washington, N. C.; to be voted on, this being the second reading. They were unanimously elected. Three for first reading, Mrs. J. Arthur Henderson, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. Wm. E. Holt, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. Wm. Mitchell Shaw, Wilmington, N. C.

The pedigree papers for final acceptance of Mrs. H. Lee Edwards, Mrs. C. E. Weatherby.

The Registrar will have charge of all Pedigree papers and Nomination blanks and will mail same to those requesting them.

On motion of Mrs. Robert Strange, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Wm. H. Green was extended a rising vote of thanks for her faithful service as Registrar pro tem during the absence from the city of Mrs. Wm. Latimer, Registrar.

Mrs. Nichols, Treasurer of the George Washington Memorial Building Fund for the North Carolina Society, urged the members to make liberal donations to same.

Upon motion of Mrs. Waddell, seconded by Mrs. Kidder the meeting was adjourned, there being no further business.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE E. PRINCE,  
*Recording Secretary.*

All annual reports and addresses alluded to in these minutes will be found in full in the Appendix of the printed Minutes for the year 1911.

Upon the adjournment of the Board meeting the ladies partook of an elegant luncheon served in courses in the beautiful dining hall at Orton.

### ITEMS FROM JUNE MEETINGS

Mrs. Latimer moved and Mrs. Strange seconded her motion, which prevailed—That all Nomination slips must be sent to the President by the proposer of a member, through registered mail.

Mrs. Kidder moved, Mrs. Strange seconded and the motion prevailed—That the By-law bearing upon the attendance of the members

of the Board of Managers shall be strictly enforced. Act II. By-law V.

The following motion unanimously agreed to—That there shall be an entertainment of the members of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America (each member having the privilege of inviting one guest, each month beginning with November 1911, ending with May 1912.

No member of the Board shall be permitted to serve either as chairman or as a member of a Committee. There shall be a Chairman and her Committee for each month appointed by the President from the members of the Society not on the Board.



## In Memoriam

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"God's finger touched him and he slept."

—Tennyson, *In Mem.*

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MRS. WARREN ELLIOTT,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

MRS. CHARLES WHEDBEE,  
Hertford, North Carolina.



# APPENDIX

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## The President's Address

Ladies:

With sincere pleasure and a grateful sense of your loyalty and generous support in all my official undertakings, I welcome you, and more particularly our out-of-town members who have honoured us to-day by their presence at Orton.

In celebrating our seventeenth annual meeting it seems fitting that we should assemble upon the scene of the first armed resistance of our forefathers to the oppression of the British Parliament, and near the ruins of the first Colonial fort, the spiking of whose 24 cannon, with the flight therefrom of Governor Josiah Martin, ended Royal rule in North Carolina.

We stand on historic ground, hallowed by the memories of stirring events of Colonial days; the coming of New Englanders in 1660, and their subsequent dispersion by the Cape Fear Indians; and five years later, the arrival of Captain Hilton and his Barbadian friends; their establishment next year of Charlestown, five miles above us, under the direction of Sir John Yeamans, doomed to early disappointment and decay; again the red man in possession for two generations, whose savagery in Albemarle brought to this spot the victorious Col. Moore and his goodly company, who were destined to lead a revolution and make famous in history their deeds of valor in the cause of

American Independence, for Brunswick town, which they erected, was capital of the province and the cradle of the Republic.

Time would fail me to speak of the distinguished men who sat in this room and discussed the affairs of state, when George III was King—Governor Dobbs, Governor Tryon, King Roger Moore and his brother Col. Maurice Moore, the princely merchant and benefactor, Richard Quince, Governor Benjamin Smith, and, tradition says, his friend and military chief, the immortal Washington, in the last year of his eventful life. I welcome you, fair Dames, to the firesides where they sat in days of old, and may their spirits arouse you to nobler endeavor by the contemplation of their heroic deeds, which give you a priceless heritage.

A review of our past year's work is in keeping with the progressive spirit of the times. We have given from our treasury one hundred dollars on account of the bronze tablet to be erected by the Mecklenburg County Committee, to commemorate the Declaration of Independence, May 20, 1776.

We have increased our annual prizes to the students of our State University, for original papers on Colonial History of North Carolina, from \$50.00 and \$25.00, for the best and second best essays, to double these amounts, in order to attract a wider competition and a more comprehensive study of this feature of State literature.

We have also prepared in Southport, through the kind assistance of Miss Kate Stuart, a large boulder of the original fortification of Fort Johnston, the first Colonial fort of the province, and a suitable tablet commemorating the stirring events which marked, upon this spot, the downfall of Royal government in North Carolina. This has been accomplished through the kind intervention of Sena-



tor Overman, and the permission of Hon. Mr. Dickinson, Secretary of War, and the approval of Capt. Earl I. Brown, U. S. A., Corps of Engineers. We expect to unveil this tablet during the present month. Its inscription will be as follows:

This tablet was erected May 1911 by the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America, to mark the site of Fort Johnston, the first fort in the province of North Carolina, built under act of Assembly of 1746 and completed in 1764, and named in honor of Governor Gabriel Johnston.

The patriots of the Cape Fear, resisted the execution of the Stamp Act in 1766, forced the spiking of its 24 cannon, the gift of King George II.

The fort was the refuge of Governor Josiah Martin, after his flight from New Bern, May 24, 1775, until he was compelled by the patriots to abandon it, July 18, 1775, on which day it was destroyed and Royal government in North Carolina ceased.

LUOLA MURCHISON SPRUNT,  
President,

GABRIELLE deR. WADDELL,  
Vice President,

CARRIE E. PRINCE,  
Secretary.

I desire in this connection to impress upon our county committees the importance of marking their local Colonial points of importance in history, ere it may be too late. We shall be pleased to encourage such memorials, which must in future years form the basis of historic data.

I have to acknowledge, with gratefulness, the

efficient assistance of Professor Hamilton, of the University of North Carolina, who has consented to speak to us on the occasion of the Fort Johnston tablet ceremonies.

You will be pleased to know that our monument at Russellborough, to the patriots of the Cape Fear in Governor Tryon's time, has attracted the attention of many students of Colonial history, and that it will be used to illustrate a sketch of Cornelius Harnett, which will appear in a volume of "Biographical Sketches of Eminent North Carolinians," for use in the schools, by Mr. R. D. W. Connor, of Raleigh.

With sorrow we record the death of Mrs. Warren G. Elliott, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Charles Whedbee, of Hertford, N. C.

LUOLA M. SPRUNT,  
President N. C. So. C. D.

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## Report of Corresponding Secretary

Madam President and Colonial Dames of the State of North Carolina:

I have the honor of presenting to you the report of the Corresponding Secretary for the year ending May 3rd, 1911.

A number of official lists, annual minutes, pamphlets and delightful invitations have been received, replies to which, with other correspondence, will make one hundred letters written during the year, the smallest number in some years. Several of these were letters of condolence to sister societies, some of whom have been heavily afflicted the past year. A number of other pieces of mail, pedigree papers, etc., have also been sent out. For pedigree papers I have received \$11.75, making,

with last year's balance of \$3.21 the sum of \$14.96. Of this I have disbursed to Treasurer \$7.92 and for postage \$5.00, leaving a balance on hand of \$2.04.

Annual circular letters have been received from thirteen of the State Societies, and there was so much interest shown last year in the extracts from these letters that it has been a pleasure to attempt again to give this Society a slight idea of the scope and value of the work of this splendid body of women of which we may justly be proud to form a part.

The Alabama Society reports having contributed one of a number of handsome lunettes in the loggia of the Y. M. C. A. at Mobile. The others having been given by various societies of women in that city. These windows were decorated with the national flags of the nations who had ruled Mobile in the past, and the Dames used that of England. "This Society has been liberal in contributions to patriotic work outside the State limits, and hopes to be ready to aid when other calls upon it may be made."

California. This letter is simply charged with a spirit of hospitality and good times. It reports a contribution of \$25.00 to the Pocahontas Memorial Association. This society has an active membership of one hundred and forty.

Connecticut, among the numerous social and literary events recorded tells a tale of the salvation of the old State House of Hartford that is well worth the reading. They contributed \$10,000 towards the preservation from destruction of this old bit of Bullfinch's architecture; but the money given is a small part of the determined labor expended to preserve this historically valuable building for future generations. The committees on Patriotic Work, Prize Essay, Manuscript and Old Houses have been very zealous in their work,

which adds greatly to the historic lore of the State. This Society contributed \$25.00 to the Pocahontas Memorial Association.

Delaware contributed \$50.00 towards the Hudson de Vries celebration at Lewes, where a monument to Henrik Hudson and David Peterson de Vries was unveiled. This monument stands on the site of Fort Ohlandt, built in 1631 by de Vries, and it was unveiled in the presence of Baron Loudon, minister from Holland to this country, and other notables. The result of the labors of the committee in Historic Research is about to be published in book form, "Abstracts of Wills of Newcastle County." A number of interesting books and papers have been presented to this Society. "The Hudson-Fulton Celebration, in two volumes, presented by the Rev. C. H. B. Turner; "Records of Sussex County," presented by Mrs. Emma Huntington Nason, of the Maine Society; "Mansfield Records" and "Coventry Records," presented by Mrs. Anson W. Dinock, of the New York Society, and a collection of letters written by Dr. John McKinley, a Revolutionary War Governor of Delaware, presented by Mrs. Samuel Bancroft, Jr. This Society has arranged to publish a Text Book for the use of the public schools, consisting of twelve stories of the early Colonial history of the State, by Katherine Pyle, the well known authoress.

Indiana seems to have reduced to a fine art the combining of business with pleasure. The number of meetings recorded are either business with social features, or social with literary features, but the face of affairs is very attractive, taken on either side. The Historical Research Committee has been active in investigating plans to be marked, but no decisions have been arrived at as yet. As a permanent memorial to a much-loved Honorary Vice-President, Mrs. Frederick W.



Chislett, whose death is recorded in this letter, this Society has arranged to award to the pupils of the two high schools annual prizes for essays, to be known as the Margaret Dwight Edwards Chislett prize.

New York, after a recapitulation of the many accomplished events of the wonderful Hudson-Fulton Celebration with which we are all more or less familiar, this letter tells us that the Dames in New York will give annually a watch as a prize to the graduate of the New York Nautical School, who makes the best record for practical proficiency, as a memorial of the great explorer, Henry Hudson. Four City History Club Classes are supported by this Society, one of which is endowed as a memorial to Mrs. Daniel M. Stimson. Prizes are annually awarded for essays on Colonial subjects to the students of the Teachers' College of Columbia University and the University of Rochester. Several social functions are recorded at which historical papers were read, and at one a lecture was given by Mr. R. L. H. Halsey on Colonial Silver and Silversmiths.

With the aid of a stereopticon tankards, ecclesiastical and household utensils were shown and the famous punch bowl made by Paul Revere for the fifteen "Sons of Liberty." For furthering their efforts in behalf of the George Washington Memorial Building this Society has appointed a committee of fifty, composed of Dames living in different parts of the State, and it is hoped that not only members will work with them, but that they will interest many who do not belong to the Society in this "National tribute to George Washington."

New Jersey. The half dozen committees of this Society have much to show for the year's work, and the list of items added to the historical collection is long and interesting, particularly those for the library, among them being the "Journal

of George Fox," presented by Mr. Joseph H. West; an old Bible published in 1685, presented by Mrs. Francis E. Johnson, and a fac-simile Indian deed of 1641, presented by Mrs. Anna M. Lowthrop. The Commemorative Meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. George de Benneville Keim, "Fairview," at Edgewater Park, and added to the many social charms of the day described were addresses by Gen. E. Burd Grubb and ex-Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, "who is said to know more historic facts than any other living man."

Ohio. This is the first letter from Ohio in several years; but the Society has not been idle. A Fellowship in History has been established at the University of Cincinnati, the Dames paying \$300.00 a year and the University \$200.00. The Fellowship is to continue for five years, the special object of which is the study of the history of the Ohio Valley. Two of the holders of this Fellowship have read fine papers at special meetings. The date of the Annual Meeting of this Society has been changed from the second Tuesday in May to May 13th in order to mark "Jamestown Day."

Pennsylvania. This letter tells of a number of social events coupled with historic features, the one of most important and permanent interest being that of Flag Day, when in the Banqueting Room of Independence Hall there gathered together at the invitation of the Dames the children and their teachers from nine public schools within trolley distance, among them the pupils from the Institution for the Blind who, accompanied by their own cornetist, led the children in the singing of "America." The Rev. Mr. Chandler, Chaplain of the U. S. battleship "Georgia," who opened the services with prayer, gave an address upon "Our Flag in Other Countries," telling the children of interesting experiences during the voyage of our fleet around the world, especially in Japan

and Australia, where thousands of school children, some of whom had walked long distances to be present, marched and formed in blocks dressed in colors to represent the American Flag. This address was followed by one given by Dr. Davis upon the "History of Our Flag," illustrated by original flags from the earliest times, loaned for the occasion by the U. S. Arsenal, through the courtesy of the Secretary of War. This address was listened to with breathless interest by the children as the speaker began with the days when each knight in armor bore a distinguishing device and gradually traced through the centuries to the time when the nations of the world adopted flags as now known.

Noticeable among other meetings was that of the Board of Managers and the Chairmen of the County Committees, at Lancaster, by invitation of the Lancaster County Committee. Three gifts of historic value are recorded, a beautiful gavel presented by Mrs. Edward H. Ogden, made from a piece of the 'Old Treaty Elm Tree,' of William Penn fame, the handle being made from a piece of the original flooring of Independence Hall obtained when the Hall was restored by the Philadelphia Chapter of the D. A. R. in 1897.

Mrs. Jannieson, of New Jersey, presented a slip of ivy from the grave of William Penn, and Mrs. Harrison, Vice-President of the Society, presented one hundred copies of the "Life of Ann Pamela Cunningham," founder of the Mount Vernon Association, the first organization for patriotic work, founded by a woman in this country. An undertaking so unusual at the time that this charming and heroic invalid veiled her personality behind the pseudonym "The Southern Matron." The Pennsylvania Society has now an active membership of 905 and has resolved unanimously to limit its membership, the resolution reading as follows:

"Resolved, That vacancies as they occur shall



be filled, provided that the direct descendants of those who have ever been members of the Pennsylvania Society may be elected whether vacancies exist or not."

Rhode Island has been busily engaged in preparing and publishing a "Record Book," the expense of which has prevented the carrying on of much other desirable work; however, some interesting work is recorded among which is the presenting of a seal, made after the original, to Brown University, which was organized in 1765. The original seal contained the busts of King George the Third and Queen Charlotte, consequently in 1782 "The Chancellor, the President and Henry Ward, Esq., were appointed to break the Seal of the College which contains the Busts of the present King and Queen of Great Britain, etc., "which was done forthwith, and now in the 20th century the old seal is restored as an historic relic by the daughters of these determined sires, who were founding a nation. The Rhode Island Dames are also restoring certain portions of the old graveyard of Narragansett Church, near Toner Hill, at South Kingston, which was built in 1707, and is the oldest church building north of the Potomac. It still has in its possession the silver communion service sent by Queen Anne and marked "Anna Regina." An appeal from the nearly four thousand inhabitants to the Bishop of London was responded to by the sending of the Rev. James MacSparren, in 1721, who remained as rector until his death in 1757. In 1868 the diocese of Rhode Island erected a monument to his memory on the spot where he was supposed to have been buried, but as it has since been learned that his resting place was somewhat north of the monument the Dames have put up a small granite stone on the actual spot properly inscribed. This Society has contributed \$65.00 to the Pocahontas



Memorial Association. It also offers to Brown University an annual prize for the best essay on Colonial History. Several books have been added to the library. The Early History of Brown University, including the Life, History and Correspondence of President Manning "presented by Miss Guild, and a gift of two books from Mrs. Bacon, our National Registrar, "Records of the Parish of Amity (now Woodbridge), Conn.," and "An Historic Strain of Blood in America, Frances Latham, Mother of Governors," both by Louise Tracy. This Society has an active membership of 159.

Vermont sends a greeting to her sister societies for the first time in several years, but says that force of circumstances and not lack of friendly feeling has prevented her observance of this charming custom. With just cause she expresses her pride in the fact that she was the only non-Colonial State to send an exhibit to the Jamestown Exposition.

This Society is much interested in the exhibit of Old Church Silver to be held in the Museum of Fine Arts at Boston this summer (of 1911) and has secured some interesting pieces for it. A sum of money is set aside each year to assist some worthy young woman to obtain a college education, this woman to be proposed by a member of the Vermont Society.

Virginia. This Society has erected a monument on the site of the first university in America, at Henricopolis, fourteen miles below Richmond, now known as "Dutch Gap." In order that the monument might be seen from the river a shaft was set up twenty-five feet high, made of rough-hewn blocks of Virginia granite, with a bronze tablet attached, inscribed as follows: "The Colonial Dames of America, in the State of Virginia, A. D. 1910, erect this monument on the site of the town

of Henricopolis, to commemorate the college and university, which, on the 26th of May, 1619, the Virginia Company of London decreed should be established." This Society has offered to have restored twenty-five portraits of celebrated personages owned by the Virginia Historical Society, which are very valuable and must have immediate attention. Contributions have been made to the funds for the preservation of Westover Church, Charles City County, and of old St. Peters Church, New Kent County. This Society continues a sustaining member of the American Forestry Association, and maintains its scholarship at the University of Virginia, and the prize to be competed for in certain schools for girls.

Wisconsin, says that "during the past two years she has grown a little, worked a little and played a little, as a normal young Dame of her age should do." She has enjoyed some charming social functions and listened to several historical and patriotic addresses, among them one by Gen. Arthur MacArthur.

This Society supports a scholarship, \$120.00 annuity, at the Hindman School, an industrial school for the poor white people of the mountains in Knott County, Kentucky. The present holder of the scholarship is really a little Daughter of the Revolution, as her ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War.

This resume of only a partial record of a year's work by some of our sister societies must be most gratifying to us all and make us feel that so long as this National Society of Colonial Dames of America is surely, though unobtrusively, raising the leaven of her high ideals above the "tumult and shouting" of those 'wild tongues that have not Thee in awe" there can be no danger "lest we forget."

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES LATHAM HARRRISS,  
Corresponding Secretary.

## Report of Assistant Secretary

Madam President and Ladies:

In the fall I mailed to the members of the Society 405 minutes of the Society for 1910. Each month I have issued the notices for the meetings, and have mailed 210 blank ballots for the annual election.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE T. MOORE,

Assistant Secretary.

Wilmington, N. C., May 3rd.

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## Treasurer's Annual Report

### RECEIPTS.

Initiations -----	\$ 270.00
Annual Dues -----	360.00
From Corresponding Secretary -----	7.92
I Certificate -----	3.50
Interest 1 year -----	13.26
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Total amount received -----	\$ 654.68
Amount on hand May 3rd, 1910 -----	548.64
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Grand total -----	\$1,203.32
Disbursements -----	578.79
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Total assets -----	\$ 624.53

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Typewriting -----	\$ 15.25
1st Prize Essay -----	50.00
2nd Prize Essay -----	25.00
Tiffany & Co., for certificates, engraving, sealing and boxes -----	60.85
Mrs. Prince's expenses to Executive Meet- ing in Wilmington, Delaware -----	5.00
Miss Kingsbury for examining pedigree papers -----	35.00
To National Treas. for Capitation tax on 286 members -----	214.50
Bailey, Banks & Biddle for National Seals and engraving -----	13.05
Jackson & Bell Co., Circular letters -----	3.50
Jackson & Bell Co., 500 copies minutes and envelopes -----	55.00
Stationery and printing -----	30.75
Stamps -----	33.29
Floral designs -----	17.00
Photographing old silver and expense col- lecting it -----	15.25
Incidentals -----	5.35
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Total disbursements -----	\$ 578.79

ANNIE E. BAILEY,  
Treasurer.

Wilmington, N. C., May 1, 1911.

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## Report of the Registrar

Wilmington, N. C., June 3, 1911.

Madam President, Board of Managers and Ladies:

After an absence of six months last year, during which time Mrs. Green kindly assumed the duties of this office I took up the work in December. I cannot report a year of prosperity for the Society,



which is accounted for I believe by the fact that it is more difficult to become a member, as five names are now necessary for nomination, also perhaps because no member of the Board has the privilege of signing a paper of endorsement.

Not a new member from Wilmington has been added to our roll.

Only one marriage, Miss Fannie Murchison to Mr. M. Ashley Curtis.

No resignations and no transfers have been sent in.

Two deaths have occurred, Mrs. Warren Elliott and Mrs. Charles Whedbee.

I have issued five permits for Insignias and sixteen permits for recognitions.

I have registered seventeen members, nine North Carolina members, eight Associate members.

#### NORTH CAROLINA MEMBERS.

- No. 477—Mrs. Peter C. Brunson.
- No. 478—Mrs. Francis Osborn.
- No. 480—Mrs. T. W. Hankins.
- No. 482—Miss Mary Louise Crawford.
- No. 483—Miss Janet Quinn.
- No. 488—Mrs. Bolling Whitfield.
- No. 489—Mrs. Thomas E. Bond.
- No. 491—Mrs. Robert B. Miller.
- No. 492—Mrs. Richard C. Carson.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

- No. 476—Mrs. Cecil Andrew Lyon.
- No. 479—Mrs. Archibald Lignam.
- No. 484—Miss Betty Ballinger.
- No. 485—Mrs. Edward Randall.
- No. 490—Mrs. Beverly Allen Read, of Texas.
- No. 487—Mrs. Albert A. Green, of Mississippi.
- No. 481—Mrs. Ernest Walter Pittman. Missouri.
- No. 486—Mrs. Joseph A. Enslow, of Alabama.

I have written forty letters in the past six months pertaining to the work of my department.

In order to simplify the work of this office and for the convenience of the Corresponding Secretary I shall ask the Board to allow a few changes in my work, to be reported later. I have six names to present for nomination, and two Pedigree Papers for final reading.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET IREDELL MEARES LATIMER,  
Registrar.

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### *Report of the Historian*

Madam President and Colonial Dames of the State  
of North Carolina:

My report as Historian, which I have the honor of presenting to you to-day, while necessarily short, shows an activity and interest along many lines of work to which our society is devoted.

The most important and interesting aim to which we are pledged in the commemoration of historic men and deeds.

Since the completion of the monument to Cornelius Harnett we have been directing our energies towards marking historic spots. The first of these places to be rescued from the obliterating hand of time was Russellboro, formerly known as Tryon's Palace, and the scene of the first resistance of the Stamp Act. This unique monument is composed of stones from the original foundation of Tryon's Palace on this spot. It was unveiled, as you remember, on May 5th, 1909 by our former President, Mrs. Gaston Meares, whose failing health deprives us of the pleasure and inspiration of her presence here to-day.

The next site for historic recognition is Fort Johnson, one of the frontier forts built near Southport in 1745 as a protection against possible attacks of the Spaniards or buccaneers.

A gratifying feature in the history of our society, showing an increase of historical research, is the fine work done by the County Committees, whose reports are delightful and commendable. The Mecklenburg County Committee has inaugurated a movement to place a bronze tablet in the State Capitol at Raleigh to commemorate the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence May 20th, 1775. This proposition has met with enthusiastic support from the Society and the sum of one hundred dollars appropriated towards the cost of the tablet, which will be chiefly borne by the Mecklenburg County Committee.

The George Washington Memorial Building, the Nation's tribute to Washington, is another object of patriotic devotion towards which the North Carolina Dames will gladly contribute their share.

It is not necessary for me to give here any explanation of this work, as a pamphlet setting forth the purpose and plan of the building has been mailed to each member of the Society.

We have increased the amount of the prizes offered for the best essay on Colonial subjects to the students of the University of North Carolina from fifty to one hundred dollars for the best essay, and from twenty-five to fifty for the next best.

It often happens that the best tribute the historian can pay a nation is to give few of his pages to its history—history consisting chiefly of wars and revolutions. So we may congratulate ourselves upon the fact that it does not take many pages to tell of the happy and harmonious workings of our Society for the past twelve months.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH STONE STRANGE,  
Historian.

## Report of the Committee on Claims

Madam President, Ladies:

Since the annual meeting of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames, at this beautiful home, in May, 1910, the Pedigree Papers of eighteen new members have been sent to the Committee on Claims for examination. The following have been accepted by the Board of Managers. Those of—

Mrs. Francis Irwin Osborne, of Charlotte.  
Mrs. T. W. Hawkins, of Charlotte.  
Mrs. Richard C. Carson, of Charlotte.  
Miss Mary Louise Crawford, of Goldsboro.  
Mrs. R. B. Miller, of Goldsboro.  
Miss Janet Quinn, of Salisbury.  
Mrs. Peter C. Brunson, of South Carolina.  
Mrs. Thomas E. Bond, of Baltimore, Md.  
Mrs. Bolling Whitfield, of Georgia.

The other six are members of the Associate Societies:

Mrs. Archibald Lingan, of Texas.  
Mrs. Edward Randall, of Texas.  
Miss Betty Ballinger, of Texas.  
Mrs. Ernest W. Pittman, of Missouri.  
Mrs. Albert A. Green, of Mississippi.  
Mrs. Joseph A. Enslow, of Mississippi.  
Mrs. Beverly A. Read.

We have also examined four Supplementary papers and a number of Admission slips. Many of these papers had to be returned to the applicant for corrections, chiefly on account of the failure to have them properly signed. I should like to impress upon the Society the great importance of having the signatures of the proposer and each endorser on the Admission slip and on the two



copies of the Pedigree papers before they are sent in to be examined by the Committee on Claims. Each time these papers are returned to an applicant it costs the Society from 18 to 20 cents to have them sent by registered mail, and with a little more careful attention paid to the requirements printed on these application blanks, this expense could be saved the Society. It is thought by many of those who enter the Society that it is only necessary to send in one copy of their papers for examination. On the contrary, it is important that both should be sent, as there are often mistakes in regard to offices, dates, etc., which have to be corrected before they can be accepted by the Committee. If the person interested wishes to keep her duplicate paper as family history and for reference it should be just as perfect as the copy that becomes the property of the North Carolina Society.

The Pedigree papers of Mrs. C. E. Weatherby, of Faison, N. C., and Miss Cora Buxton, of Winston (now Mrs. H. Lee Edwards, of Texas), have also been examined, and will be acted upon to-day by the Board of Managers.

I have held meetings of the Committee on Claims, and we have examined papers together, and discussed the duties and work of the said Committee. We have tried to do the work that came into our hands promptly and conscientiously, feeling it our duty to have all work ready for each monthly meeting, as our honored President has requested us to do.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY SUMNER KINGSBURY,

Chairman of Committee on Claims of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

May 2nd, 1911.

## Report of the Mecklenburg County Committee

During the winter of 1911 the Mecklenburg County Committee has held five meetings with an average attendance of twelve.

Because of the interest taken in the Wilmington minutes and the business in hand, and not wishing to make the meetings too long, the literary program was left out this year. The meetings have been much enjoyed and very well attended since we have a definite object. The most enthusiastic meeting of the Mecklenburg County Committee was held March 17th, when the letter from the State Corresponding Secretary was read announcing that the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames had not only given their most hearty co-operation but had donated one hundred dollars, and the President had personally donated twenty-five dollars, to aid in placing a tablet commemorative of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence in the rotunda of the State Capitol.

A committee has been appointed from the Mecklenburg County Committee to take the matter in charge, so that it may be accomplished as soon as possible. The date for placing the tablet has been set for May 20th, 1912. The following ladies are on this committee.

Miss Violet Alexander, Chairman.

Miss Julia Robertson, Treasurer.

Mrs. Walter Miller.

Mrs. Peter Marshall Brown.

Mrs. John Van Landingham.

Mrs. J. W. Halliburton.

Mrs. H. A. London, Jr.

Mrs. J. A. Houston.

Mrs. Walter S. Liddell.

Miss Mary Irwin.

A committee at large was also named, and the following ladies will be asked to serve:

Mrs. James Sprunt, Wilmington.  
Mrs. Edmond L. Prince, Wilmington.  
Mrs. A. M. Waddell, Wilmington.  
Mrs. A. B. Andrews, Raleigh.  
Mrs. Armistead Jones, Raleigh.  
Mrs. John P. Allison, Concord.  
Mrs. Theodora Davidson, Asheville.  
Mrs. S. P. Cooper, Henderson..  
Mrs. R. F. Dalton, Greensboro..  
Mrs. Oliver H. Guion, New Bern.  
Mrs. Chas. Raymond, Statesville.  
Mrs. W. L. Holt, Fayetteville.  
Mrs. John H. Anderson, Fayetteville.  
Mrs. Frank Spruill, Rocky Mount.  
Mrs. E. J. Jarvis, Greenville.  
Mrs. H. A. London, Pittsboro.  
Mrs. H. H. McLendon, Wadesboro.  
Mrs. Julian Carr, Durham.  
Miss Mary Hinton, Raleigh.

Our Committee was honored with a visit from the State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Edmond L. Prince, and after a beautiful talk and friendly intercourse, we all felt in closer touch with the State Society, and that we were of it as well as in it.

We have on our rolls the names of 36 resident and 20 non-resident members.

At our next meeting which will be the last for the season, we will elect the Chairman and Secretary for the next year. After the election it is our custom to hold a social session each year, and these entertainments are always exceedingly pleasant.

We extend to the Officers, the Board of Managers, and the members of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames an urgent and cordial invitation to be present at any or all of our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WALTER S. LIDDELL,

Charlotte, N. C., May 3, 1911.

Chairman.



## Report of Wayne County Committee

Madam President and Ladies:

Once more the Wayne County Committee sends greetings. At the last Annual Meeting we were unavoidably not represented.

Each year we hope for better representation. Our President, in her circular letter to County Committees sent out May 1910, stated that more interest would be manifested by larger representation at the Annual Meetings, where they could meet the Wilmington members and be in closer touch. This circular letter was read at the first meeting held after prolonged absence of the chairman.

It was decided to have called business meetings and read the reports sent by (Mrs. Prince) the Recording Secretary, all of which should be acknowledged as soon as received.

Once a month a regular meeting should be held for historical research work and social intercourse, with at least one meeting during the year for general discussion upon some topic of interest, invitations to be extended to those outside interested in such work. Mrs. F. S. Spruill and Mrs. Wm. L. Hill were requested to meet with our committee, there being no other Dames in either place of residence. Loyalty to the State Society and its officers is thoroughly urged by the chairman.

The By-Laws of the State Society will be read to this County Committee at least once a year to familiarize them with the requirements of the State Society of Colonial Dames of America. The programme of Wayne County Committee was simply sent our President that she might see we were not entirely lagards.

At our last meeting we discussed the appeal of the Mecklenburg County Committee regarding Tablet, and were to report to the State Society.



Since our April meeting we have received March report from the Secretary (Mrs. Prince) and noting the steps taken and the appropriation of \$100 by the Society, deem it useless to report proceedings from Wayne County Committee.

Respectively submitted,

MARY J. ARRINGTON,

Chairman.

(MRS. JAMES MARSHALL ALLEN.)

CORINNE W. ALLEN,

Secretary.

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Washington, D. C., April 25, 1911.

Madam President and Ladies:

According to the instructions of the Society, it becomes my pleasant duty to report the interest taken by our small committee here in the State Society's work. We are now only nine in number and have so far not attempted to do any historical work which I hope may yet be accomplished, but have twice this winter met and read the reports of the monthly Board Meetings sent us. Have noted with deep interest the many subjects now before the Society for decision. We stand ever ready to do anything which lies in our power to further the interests of the Society and demonstrate that we are entirely North Carolina Dames in spirit.

On Friday evening, April 21, the members of our Society met at the Brunswick, at eight o'clock, and heard the last report read from Wilmington. The ladies then selected a chairman and secretary and decided we should have at least three meetings next winter, and if possible more. Mrs. Brenizer was made chairman and Mrs. Kondrup secretary, many of the ladies pleading various duties which prevented their assuming these slight obligations, several of the Committee being officers of the Colon-

ial Dame Club of the city, which necessarily requires a good deal of their time.

In the reading of the report many inquiries were made as to the advisability of us using one of the seven tablets in the State Capitol for the commemoration of the Mecklenburg Declaration. The ladies were divided in their opinions but all acknowledged lack of information on the subject and insisted upon the necessity of only using the most important events in the history of the State, beyond cabal or query, to be placed there.

Also the subject as to whether it was not more properly the duty of the D. A. R. to place this tablet should it finally be decided upon as a proper and fitting circumstance for so important a position, rather than the Colonial Dames, as the event happened as late as 1775. We shall feel deeply interested to know the decision of the State Society on this subject.

Further interest was manifested in the matter of the National Society's decision to contribute \$25,000 to the George Washington Memorial Hall, the general concensus of opinion being a regret for such a decision on their part. It will forever preclude the National Society having a home of its own at the Nation's capital. These are of course matters for the decision of the State Society, but in reporting our meeting I have mentioned them to demonstrate the interest taken in the Society by absent members.

To the ladies of the Society we extend our very kind regards and full appreciation of their kindness and courtesy to us at all times. Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

NELLIE WADDELL BRENZER,  
Chairman.

## Treasurer of the George Washington Memorial Building Fund

Madame President and North Carolina Society of  
the Colonial Dames of America:

Since my appointment as Treasurer of The George Washington Memorial Building Fund by our President in February 1911, I have sent two hundred and seventy-five explanatory circulars to the Dames residing in North Carolina.

My books, May 1st 1911, show replies from thirty, with contributions enclosed, amounting to fifty-two (\$52.00) dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH VanB. NICHOLS,

Treasurer, The George Washington Memorial  
Building Fund.

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The Society of the Colonial Dames of America, in  
the State of North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

At the Biennial Council of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, held in Washington, D. C., in April, 1910, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, a building to be known as the George Washington Memorial Building, in commemoration of his interest in higher education in America, is to be created in the City of Washington; and,

WHEREAS, this building will be dedicated to the increase and diffusion of knowledge in all lines of human activity that will conduce to the advancement of mankind, and is planned to furnish homes and gathering places for national, patriotic,

scientific, educational, literary and art organizations that may need such accommodations, including the Washington Academy of Sciences and its thirteen affiliated societies; and,

WHEREAS, to assist in accomplishing this design would be a proper and inspiring work to be undertaken by The National Society of Colonial Dames of America, who would thereby secure for their archives and library a permanent home;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the National Society of Colonial Dames of America shall direct their best effort to raise a sum of money sufficient to insure adequate accommodations in the said building.

The building is cost \$2,000,000, and will have an endowment of a half million dollars. Already a citizen of New York has given \$100,000, and about \$500,000 additional is assured. \$25,000 is the amount recommended to be given by the Colonial Dames to provide for their room; \$5,000 has been appropriated from the National Treasury, the remaining \$20,000 to be raised by the different State Societies.

This circular of explanation is being sent to each Dame of North Carolina, knowing that she will feel a personal interest in perpetuating the name of Washington, first, Colonel of the Colonies, and then President of the States, and also, in providing a permanent place for our own archives and meetings. Any contribution of a dollar or more, will be gratefully received towards North Carolina's share in this patriotic work.

Faithfully,

LUOLA M. SPRUNT,

President.

Address: Mrs. Allan Nichols, 315 South Front Street, Wilmington, N. C. Treasurer of the George Washington Memorial Building Fund, for the Society of the Colonial Dames of America in North Carolina.



## The Petition

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 31, 1911.

Mrs. James Sprunt,

President of the N. C. Colonial Dames,  
Wilmington, N. C.

My dear Mrs. Sprunt:

At the regular monthly meet, Thursday, January 26, of the Mecklenburg County Committee of Colonial Dames, the following subject was proposed and discussed, and I was appointed a committee of one to put it before the N. C. Society of Colonial Dames at Wilmington and ask for its endorsement and co-operation.

By way of explanation, I would state that in the State Capitol in Raleigh are niches for four marble statues and eight spaces for bronze tablets—the niches to be filled by busts of famous North Carolinians and the spaces with bronze tablets commemorating eight of the most famous events of N. C. history. Two of the niches have been filled by busts of Governor William A. Graham and Senator Matthew Ransom, two of North Carolina's most illustrious sons; only one of the spaces has been filled. On October 24, 1908, there was unveiled in the rotunda a most beautiful bronze tablet, handsome in design and ornate in decoration, inscribed with these words: "To the memory of fifty-one ladies of Edenton" who on October 25, 1774, signed the "Resolves" that had been adopted by the Provincial Congress. This tablet was placed and unveiled by the Daughters of the Revolution of North Carolina, and the occasion was a most memorable one. One thousand invitations

were issued, and Statesmen, Supreme Court members and numerous Historical Societies were present while an elaborate and appropriate patriotic and historical program was given. For a full description of this most interesting occasion, I refer you to volume No. 8 of the North Carolina Booklet, April 1909, issued by the Daughters of the Revolution of North Carolina.

Lieutenant-Governor Winston accepted the handsome tablet for the State of North Carolina in a glowing speech, thanking this patriotic body of women for perpetuating this noble deed of North Carolina history.

Chief Justice Walter Clark of the Supreme Court of North Carolina was the orator of the occasion, and in his able address he emphasized the fact in these words, "Mecklenburg should certainly place a bronze tablet here in memory of her immortal Declaration." He also said, "the patriotism that appreciates and records brave deeds falls short only of the patriotism that performs them."

It was moved and seconded most enthusiastically at the Mecklenburg County meeting that this Committee petition the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames to place a bronze tablet in the second space in the rotunda of the State Capitol at Raleigh to commemorate the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, May 20th, 1775. This Committee would take this as a special work and, as an earnest of its enthusiasm, \$40.00 was contributed spontaneously by the ten Colonial Dames present, to inaugurate this movement.

It is earnestly hoped that the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames will place this bronze tablet, assisted by the co-operation of all the Committees—Mecklenburg being ready and willing to bear a larger proportion of the expense—and that this important historical work may be inaugurated at once.

Mecklenburg County Committee is heartily in favor of all other work, such as marking out-door spots with North Carolina granite boulders, and does not wish this special work to interfere with any work already in progress or planned by the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames.

Trusting this plan, so dear to the hearts of the Mecklenburg County Committee, may be favorably received and accepted by the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames, I remain, with kind regards and most cordial greetings,

Very sincerely,  
VIOLET G. ALEXANDER,  
Committee.

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### Entertainment Committees

#### For November:

MRS. GABRIEL HOLMES,  
MRS. ANNIE P. KIDDER,  
MRS. W. A. WILLIAMS,  
MRS. WILLIAM GREEN,  
MISS HANNAH BOLLES,  
MISS ADDIE MEARES.

#### For December:

MRS. CLAYTON GILES, JR.,  
MRS. E. C. HOLT,  
MRS. GEORGE ROUNTREE,  
MRS. THOMAS C. JAMES,  
MRS. MORRISON DIVINE,  
MRS. J. VanB. METTS.

*For January:*

MRS. WALKER TAYLOR,  
MRS. WALTER WILLIAMSON,  
MRS. WILLIAM THORPE,  
MRS. JOHN D. BELLAMY,  
MRS. CHARLES TAYLOR,  
MRS. ANDREW HARRISS.

*For February:*

MRS. JESSIE KENAN WISE,  
MRS. G. HERBERT SMITH,  
MRS. JAMES CHADBURN,  
MRS. J. I. CAMPBELL,  
MISS LILLA BELLAMY,  
MISS SUE McQUEEN.

*For March:*

MRS. JOHN D. BELLAMY, JR.,  
MRS. J. W. MURCHISON,  
MRS. GEORGE FRENCH,  
MRS. W. E. STORM,  
MRS. WILLIAM CREASY,  
MRS. JAMES KYLE.

*For April:*

MRS. DONALD MACRAE,  
MRS. WALTER PARSLEY,  
MRS. P. L. BRIDGERS,  
MISS SARAH LIPPITT,  
MISS FLORENCE KIDDER,  
MRS. ASHLEY CURTIS,  
MRS. W. D. McMILLAN,  
MRS. JANE DeROSSET.



*For May:*

MRS. GEORGE P. COTCHETT,  
MRS. JOHN RANKIN,  
MRS. JUNIUS DAVIS,  
MRS. W. C. CURTIS,  
MRS. HAMMOND,  
MRS. N. N. DAVIS,  
MRS. C. P. BOLLES,  
MISS MARY KINGSBURY,  
MISS MARGARET KINGSBURY.

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### Information Concerning Admission

Membership in the National Society of Colonial Dames of America is acquired by invitation only.

A candidate must be invited to join the Society of the State in which she lives by at least two members to whom she is personally known. Her name will be considered by the Committee on Eligibility and by the Board of Managers before she is formally invited to join the Society.

No candidate's personal application for membership is ever considered by any Corporate Society.

The National Society of Colonial Dames of America is composed of the members of the different incorporated Societies. There are no members of the National Society who are not members of one of Societies incorporated in the various States or in the District of Columbia.

# The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America

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## Town and County Committees

§72. The National Society recommends to the Presidents of all the State Societies the appointment of Committees in the principal towns or in the counties throughout the State where any of their members reside, when too remote from the headquarters of their State Society, to be able to attend the meetings, either business or instructive. The Committees should consist of all the members residing in said towns or counties, and should be notified of their appointment by the President of the State Society. The Secretary of the State Society should notify the Chairman of the town or county of the appointment of all members of such Committees. Each Committee should choose its own chairman and Secretary, who should notify all these members of all meetings of the Committee. The Secretary of the town or county Committee should report to the Board of Managers of her State Society at the regular meeting of the Board through the Recording Secretary, who, in turn, should send to all State Committees the action of the Society at its regular meetings, and any other interesting facts or papers to be read at the meetings of the State Committee. The State Committees should apply to the State Society for such financial aid as they may need for stationery, or for carrying out any local Colonial work which they may wish to undertake, and

which the Board of Managers may approve; but not for any social functions. The annual dues of the State Society being from all members throughout the State, all sections should share in the use of them for such work. As the annual entertainment is paid for by these dues, no further expenditure for local entertainments should be expected from the State Treasury.

No application for membership could be granted by such Committees, but the recommendation to the Board of the State Committees would add strength to the letters of the proposer and seconder, which must be sent, as now, to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Society. No members could be added to the State Committee or dropped from such Committee except by the authority of the President or at her own request. These Committees should be Standing Committees, working as all such Committees do, under the Board of Managers, under the By-Laws of the State Society.

M. '04, pp. 11, 64, 65, 69, 90, 91, 92.

The North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America urges a strict adherence to the foregoing instructions taken from the Acts in Council of 1908, and sends the following rulings of the Board to guide the Town and County Committees in their work.

That all historic spots shall be marked when practicable with a boulder of Mount Airy granite with suitable inscription thereon and that these boulders shall be of uniform size and that the date of unveiling of these monuments shall be made known to the Society so that members throughout the State may have the privilege of attending.

No memorial or historic work of any kind shall be carried out without first submitting the project, with full information, to the Board of Mana-

gers for approval. All inscriptions must be submitted to the Advisory Board, for their careful consideration, by the President, when a called meeting of the Board will be necessary. We are guided in this by a resolution adopted at the Council of 1906—that "No project shall be suggested by any of the Societies as a National work without first obtaining the approval and signature of the National President."

The treasury can be called upon by the County Committees for funds to mark historic spots to an extent authorized by the Board of Managers—also for objects recommended by the National Society in foregoing article.

It is also recommended that an applicant or nominee invited by one member and endorsed by four members—with personal note from each to the President of the Society—when a resident of a City or Town where a County Committee exists, that the nomination slip shall first be presented to the County Committee for endorsement, before being sent to the President, to bring before the Board of Managers. By so doing a better knowledge of the acceptability (socially) of an applicant can be reached.

Also that the copies of the monthly minutes sent out by the Secretary to each County Committee shall be acknowledged and in return a full report of all meetings of the County Committees sent to headquarters, thus keeping us in touch with the sentiment and work of these Committees.

Also that the Annual meetings for election of Chairman and Secretary shall be held in February or March, that all reports may be in ample time to be incorporated in the reports of the Annual meeting of the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America held the first Wednesday in every May, except when in conflict with the date



Also that each County Committee shall send as many delegates as possible to each Annual meeting, that they may be in closer touch with the work done at headquarters and become acquainted with the members resident in Wilmington.

President of the North Carolina Society of  
Colonial Dames of America.

Wilmington, N. C., May, 1910.





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